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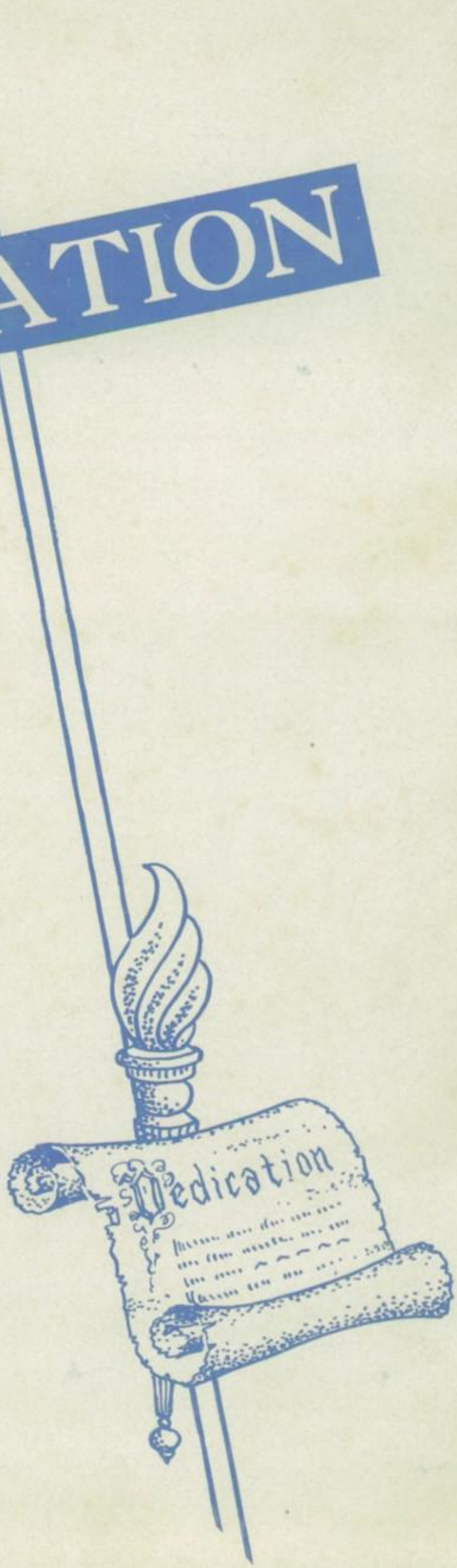

Dedication

To all the Sisters of Mercy whose prayers and work and sacrifices have aided us in all our years of High School to build our dreams of future success on a firm foundation, who, through their examples of patience, kindness, humor and understanding have enabled us better to see and thus practice those virtues, whose wise and just decisions, friendly interest in all our activities have given us the opportunity of a christian Education.

To our Mothers and Fathers for their boundless love and unlimited sacrifices in our behalf

We, the Class of 1953,

earnestly and lovingly

dedicate

this first edition of

the Balta

High School

ANNUAL.

Our School

Our school is more to us than this simple structure. Spending a greater part of our lives there has given it a personality. It seems to be a loving friend, taking with equal grace our varying moods, from despair on test days to elations over success in exams.

Though outwardly we say we abhor school, inwardly we love it. Competent administration and patient teachers make us respectful in our more thoughtful moments.

We have much to be proud of in our school. High scholastic requirements have helped former graduates make an enviable record and in later years I'm sure we too shall be proud to be graduates of Balta High School.

FACULTY

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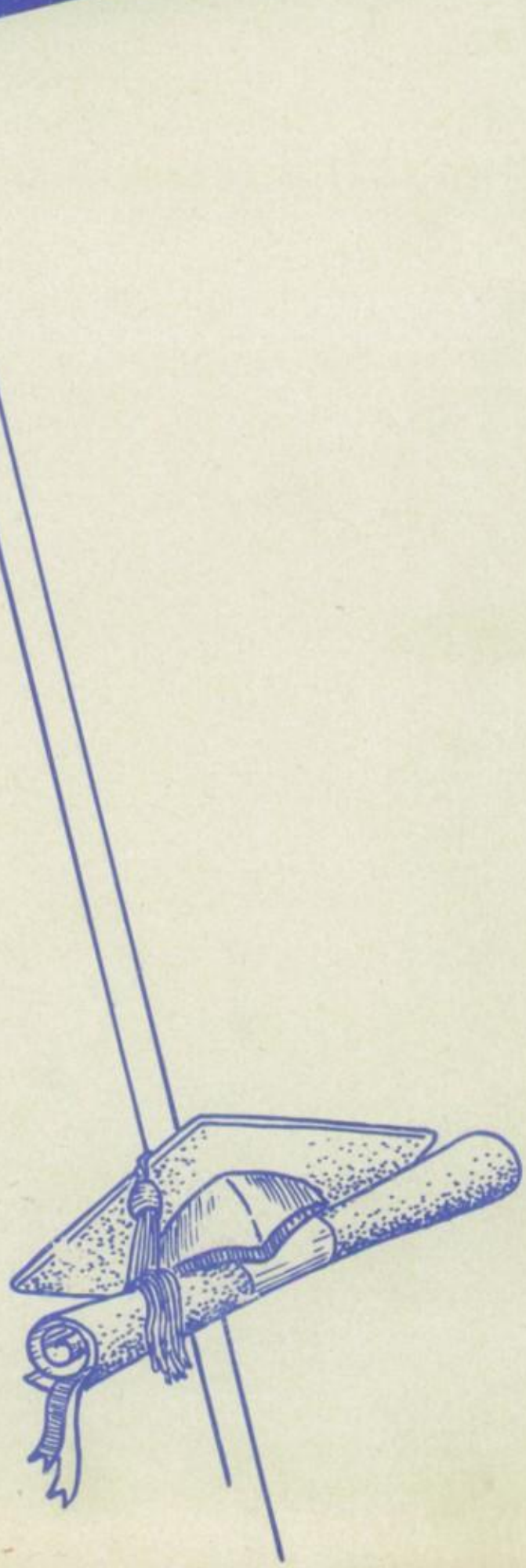
County Superintendent

Frank Schaan--Mrs. Harold Rohn--Fred Wangler--J. J. Axtman--Vincent Schaan
President

SENIORS



JANE KESLER: VICE - PRESIDENT
"Better late than never".

Member of the Dramatic Club
Mixed Chorus
Choir
Glee Club four years
Typist for the Year Book
Favorite saying: Keep quiet!
Favorite pastime: Collecting autographs

BALZER WEIGEL: CLASS PRESIDENT
"To worry little, to study less, is my idea of happiness".

First year in Rugby High
Member of the Dramatic Club
Mixed Chorus
Art Editor of the Year Book
Favorite saying: Oh, boy!
Favorite pastime: Playing the guitar.

LAVONNE ROHDE: TREASURER
"What's the use of studying when there are other things to do?"

Secretary in grade nine
Secretary-Treasurer in eleventh
Member of 4-H Club
Glee Club four years
Manager of Year Book
Dramatic Club
Favorite saying: Oh, no!
Favorite pastime: Driving, playing musical instruments.

ROSE MARIE MASSINE: SECRETARY
"Some one must be serious in a world like ours".

President in ninth grade
Vice-President in eleventh
Dramatic Club
Glee Club four years
Assistant Manager of Year Book
Favorite saying: Watch it!
Favorite pastime: Entertaining the boys.

DELORES WANGLER:
"I can be serious, but I'd rather be gay".

Choir four years
Glee Club four years
Dramatic Club
President in eleventh
May Queen 1953
Typist on Year Book
Favorite saying: Quit!
Favorite pastime: Keeping Leonard happy.

ARLENE ROHDE:
"An idea in the head is worth two in the book".

Glee Club four years
Dramatic Club
4-H Club Member
Typist on Year Book
Greatest Accomplishment:
Chewing gum
Favorite saying: Listen, Kid!
Favorite pastime: Reading

THE MAY COURT

ROSE MARY MASSINE

JANE KESLER

QUEEN

DELORES WANGLER

SENIOR STAFF AT WORK ON THE YEAR BOOK

LAST BIG JOB FOR BALTA HIGH

Four years ago as shy, ambitious Freshmen we walked into Balta High School longing for the day when we could proudly say "WE ARE SENIORS". Now looking back we realize how short those years have been and how rich with happy memories.

It is a great consolation to know that we can leave Balta High with the realization that we have "played our part". We are convinced that we have maintained the high standards of our school bequeathed by former Seniors.

It is with deepest regret that we say "Good-bye". Our High School days have been happy ones. Oh, we've had our "down" days, but we've also had our "up" days. Now, looking into the future, we are confident that the solid principles instilled in us have given us a foundation for the future.

WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER BALTA HIGH AND MAY BALTA HIGH ALWAYS

REMEMBER

US.

Class Will

We, the SENIORS of Balta High School, being of sound bodies and sane minds, do hereby give, bequeath and devise all our worldly goods and possessions to the following beneficiaries:

FIRST: We leave to our school and teachers an abundance of love and gratitude for our many happy times and also for some sad ones that have brought us to a better understanding.

SECOND: To the incoming Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen we bequeath our desks and typing tables.
Jane Kesler leaves her ability to come late to Kathryn Scheet.
To the future typing class, Rose Massine leaves her ability to eat candy at the same period that she is typing.
Delores Wangler leaves her dancing ability to Rochus Pfeifer.
To Bernice Wangler goes Arlene Rohde's ability to type.
Lavonne Rohde leaves her giggles to Monica Sand.
Balzer Weigel leaves all his grades to Donald Hoffart.
Arlene Rohde wills her gum and three desks to the Sophomore class especially to her sister, Eunice.
To the Freshmen class goes Rose Massine's smile.
Delores Wangler leaves her ability to study to her sister, Bernice and her uncle, Donald.
Lavonne Rohde leaves her ability to get along so well with the Principal to Bobby Wentz.
Balzer Weigel leaves his great love for the school to all students.

THIRD: Having thus disposed of all our worldly goods and possessions we hereby wish that they will be used to the wisest ability.

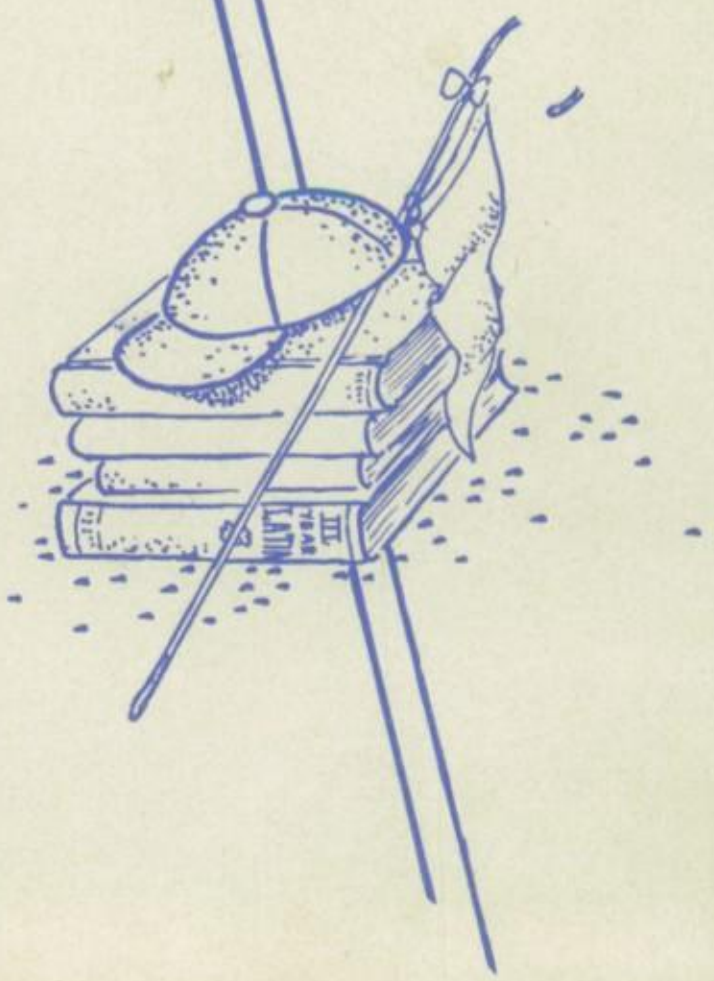
In testimony, whereof, we the class of 1953, have affixed the hand and SEAL of our class this 30th day of May A. D. 1953.

Balzer Weigel Jane Kesler Rose Massine

Lavonne Rohde Delores Wangler Arlene Rohde

Name	Nickname	Greatest Fault	Dislike	Ambition	Probable End
Jane Kesler	Bubbles	Brains	Nosy people	Teacher	Professor
Rose Massine	Toots	Talking	Literature	Nurse	Farmer's Wife
Arlene Rohde	John	Teasing	Boys	Teacher	Comics
Lavonne Rohde	Oscar	Giggling	Lizards	Teacher	Lecturer
Delores Wangler	Tiny	Studying	Cafe work	Governess	Housewife
Balzer Weigel	Shorty	Rose	School	Farmer	Farmer

UNDERGRADUATES



Bernice Wangler
President

Robert Schaan
Secretary

Kathryn Scheet
Vice President

Roy Pfeifer
Treasurer

A Class of Officers

In school the first thing is to study. We at least tried to get good grades, but the task to compete with the Seniors was a difficult one.

Although few in number, we are capable of taking over next year. Besides getting better grades than ever before, we are counting on managing the activities in which the Seniors seem to have dominated; but we, the Juniors, played an important part in all projects and you can count on us.

NEXT YEAR WE WILL BE SENIORS.

AT WORK

FORGET NOT

Will you ever forget that science
From one till two-fifteen
When we learned about the atom
And the molecule unseen.

And will you forget that awful gas
We made one day last fall
When we coughed and choked and cried, Alas!
This is the death of all.

Will you forget those problems
That taxed our strength and energy
Oh! those wondrous truths of science
Prove a God we cannot see.

Yvonne Hilzendager

Mary Ellen Schaan

Marlene Schaan

Bergetta Neiss

Betty Bykonen

Eunice Rohde

Monica Sand

Delores Gross

Eileen Klein

Robert Wentz

Wesley Muffenbier

Dennis Muffenbier

Richard Gross

The Sophomores

This is the class which carries the ball when a job is to be done efficiently. They are always willing to be of service. Maybe the term "progressives" can be applied to them for they have the forward look, but they are willing to leave behind the busy care-free year to become the busy JUNIORS of next year.

Darlene Scheet

Ann Brossart

Viola Brossart

Bernice Hoffert

Donald Hoffart

Donald Hilzendager

Donald Hager

Kathryn Massine

Rose Hager

On September 8, 1952, we set sail on an unknown sea in our ship Balta Hi. As a captain we had Rose Hager, who managed our crew of nine members.

The crew consisted of scholars who became lost and deeply absorbed in the storms of Math. English, German and World History. One month passes still leaving us on rough sea although the going seemed fair.

One day our lookout spied a superior ship coming toward us. This ship was manned by the Seniors of 1953, who carried a cargo of rules which initiated us into high divisions of Knowledge and made us expert members of the convoy leading to success. The rules: hideous make-up on faces; outlandish dresses and costumes; hard manual labor; carrying books for the Seniors and homage penalties. In this event the Seniors scored, but we didn't stay down.

Time passed quickly and we made hurdles over the "70 mark" in January, our first encounter with a real battle. We hope for the same results this semester and so we are a little sad because we shall be Sophomores by the end of May 31.

Freshmen and Sophomore Class

Wesley Muffenbier
Dennis Muffenbier
Richard Gross
Robert Wentz

Marlene Schaan
Monica Sand
Eunice Rohde
Eileen Klein
Yvonne Hilzendager
Mary Ellen Schaan

Delores Gross
Donald Hager
Donald Hoffart
Bergetta Neiss
Betty Bykonen
Donald Hilzendager

Kathryn Massine
Darlene Scheet
Ann Brossart
Viola Brossart
Bernice Hoffert
Rose Hager

FUTURE AUTHORS, PLAYWRIGHTS and LITERARY CRITICS

Dramatics

THE GYPSY TROUBADOUR

Among the opportunities offered, and one which is eagerly taken advantage of by a large and enthusiastic group of students, is the participation in the annual play given for the public. The members of the High School were heard in two public recitals in November to a well filled hall. The cast deserved much praise for their work in "THE GYPSY TROUBADOUR" as well as preparing the scenery and stage properties. The entire school participates in the play or else supplies extra numbers.

In May, the entire school will again entertain their parents and friends with dances, songs and short plays at an "Open House Day". At this time there will be a special display of their school work, arts and crafts.

James Kesler

Virginia Klein

William Wentz

Leonard Wangler

Niomi Rohn

Rodney Olson

Eighth Grade Lament

Farewell to the grade school,
To fun-packed recess;
To regular teachers,
To much happiness.

Farewell to carefree
Mischievous days
We'll keep them in memory
To cherish always.

WINSOME, WILLING, WITTY AND WISE!

Seventh and Eighth Grade Art Class

BACK ROW: Marcella Wentz, Antoinette Schmaltz, Gunda Massine, Rita Wangler
Marlys Klein, Niomi Rohn, Virginia Klein.

FRONT ROW: Timothy Axtman, Vernon Rohde, Pius Kesler, James Kesler
Ralph Paulson, Richard Wangler, William Wentz
Leonard Wangler, Rodney Olson.

Fifth and Sixth Grades Y. C. L.

BACK ROW: Gwendolyn Axtman, Lastina Hager, Rose Mary Wangler, Judith Klein, Carolyn Bykonen, Yvonne Wentz, Carol Wangler, Rose Mary Kremer, Janice Scheet.

SECOND ROW: Anton Kremer, Lee Allan Miller, Donald Hagel, David Hagel, Ronald Axtman.

FRONT ROW: Ronald Schaan, Gerald Olson, Dennis Schaan, Lee Roy Vetsch, Lester Reiger.

Third and Fourth Grades

BACK ROW: Marilyn McDiarmid, William Kessler, Blaine Mack, Rose Mary Ebach, Donald Schaan, Leroy Paulson, Lee Roy Massine, Carol Lynn Schaan, Cletus Axtman, James Wangler, Vickie Lynn Rohn.

SECOND ROW: Bonita Schaan, Myrna Rohde, Donald Ebach, Merle Bykonen, Jo Clare Schmaltz, Jerome Gross, David McDiarmid Mary Anne Massine, Laurence Klein.

Front: Carol Schaan.

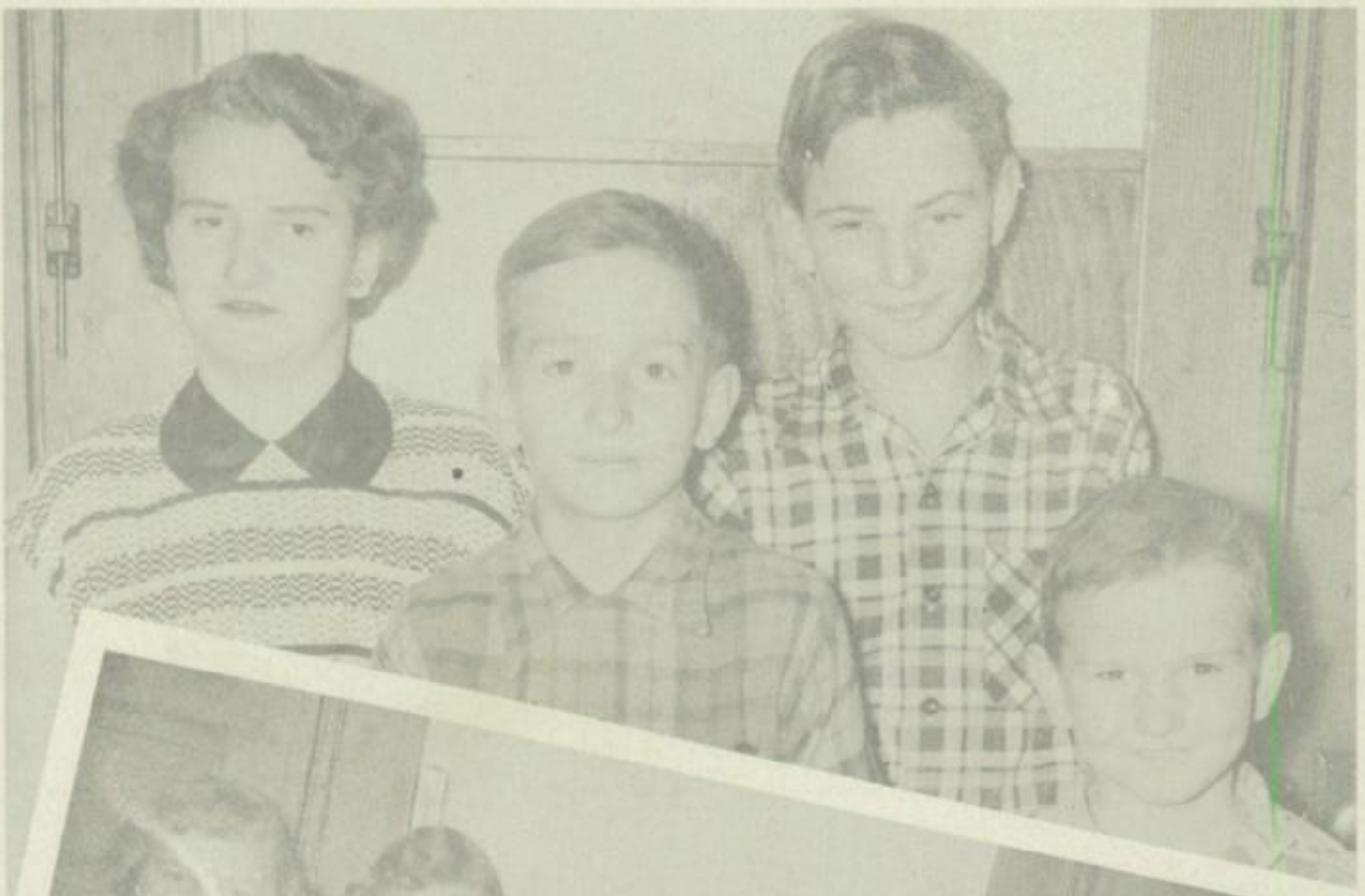
First and Second Grades

BACK ROW:
Eugene Wangler, Richard Schaan, Dianna Miller, Patricia Klein, Irene Ebach, Duane Zacher, Dana McDonald.

SECOND ROW:
Bernadette Scheet, Laurence Muffenbier, Jerome Schneider, Shirley Axtman, Robert Olson, Sandra Schneider, Wendolyn Ebach.

FRONT ROW:
David Axtman, Michael Massine, Laurence Schaan, Neil Mack, Gerald Muffenbier, Kathryn Schaan
Joseph Gross
Majorette: Dianne Hager Director: Roland Schaan

FUTURE MUSICIANS



Keslers

Wanglers

Rohdes

WHOLE FAMILIES IN SCHOOL

Alumni

1937:
Helen Hagel
Natalie Krimm

1938:
John Brinster
Frank Dettling
Andy Hager
Isabelle Klein
Ida Krimm
Steve Lesmeister
Lillian Olson

1939:
Ludwinda Bickler
Emma Hagel
Leonard Klein
Tony Selensky
Pius Voeller
Anna Marie Werran

1940:
George Gebhardt
Magdalene Schaan

1941:
Fred Abel
Fred Axtman
Magdalene Bickler
John Dettling
Allen Gebhardt
Iris Gebhardt
Monica Hagel
Monica Hager
James Hamers
John Hoffart
Eleanor Klein
George Mack
Hildegard Schaan
Martha Schaan
John Schneider
Barbara Werran

1942:
George Axtman
Francis Hagel
Daniel Klein
Mary Anne Klein
Elma Krimm

1942 Continued:
John Krimm
Vincent Schaan
Fred Schell
Amelia Voeller

1943:
Ada Axtman
Anna Marie Axtman
Elizabeth Axtman
Gunda Axtman
Lucille Axtman
Rose Axtman
Richard Hamers
Beatrice Klein
Betty Merck
John Schaan
Regina Werran

1944:
Leonard Axtman
Caroline Bickler
Wendelin Bickler
Martha Miller
Phyllis Roll
Bertha Schaan
Gabriel Scheet
Peter Vetsch
Marie Werran

1945:
Robert Hamers
Agnes Sand
Agnes Schaan
Alfred Schaan
Christina Schaan
Theresa Schaan
Irene Vetsch
John Vetsch
Catherine Werran

1946:
Helen Axtman
Rosine Garman
Anton Goetz
Theresa Gross
Rudy Hager
Daniel Schneider
Alfred Werran

1947:
Michael Bickler
Henry Klein
Immanuel Schaan
Isabelle Schaan
Helen Wentz

1948:
Lorraine Klein
Helen Schaan
Raymond Schaan
Daniel Mitzel

1949:
Rose Bickler
Joan Garman
Florence Massine
James Miller
Dorothy Schaan
James Vetsch
Phyllis Wentz

1950:
Rose Hager
Joan Sand
Catherine Schaan
John Scheet
Leonard Vetsch

1951:
Amelia Bickler
Anne Massine
Albert Olson
Bernadine Schaan
Leo Schmaltz

1952;
Albinus Hoffert
Joseph Hoffert
Arlie Morissette
Irene Reiger
Jeannette Schaan
Leonard Schaan

Jane

Arlene

Lavonne

Two Seniors

Rose and Who?

Initiation '52

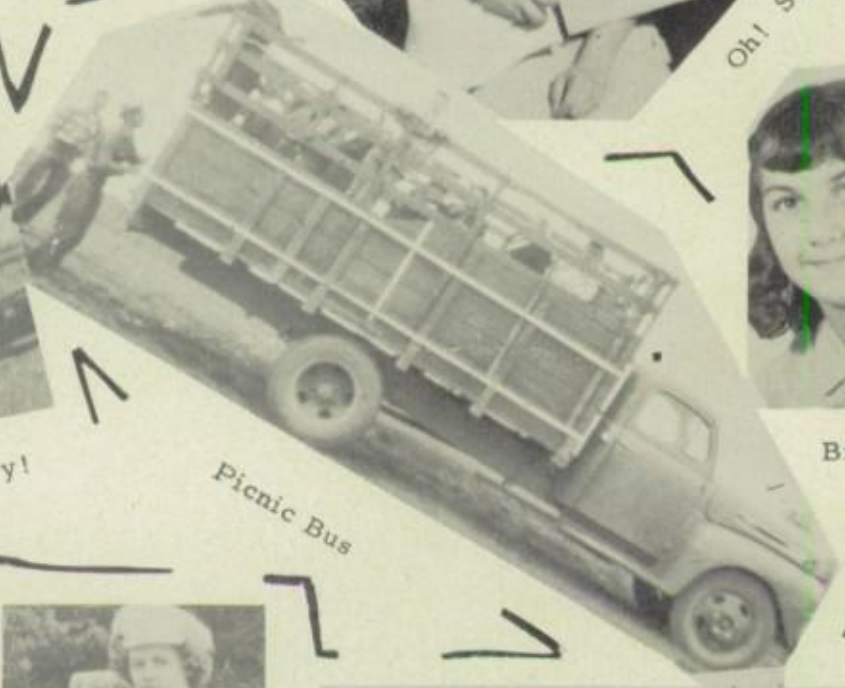
Oh! Seniors!

Delores

Balzer

Mascot

Hurry!



Picnic Bus

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Johnnie Dear

Masquerade

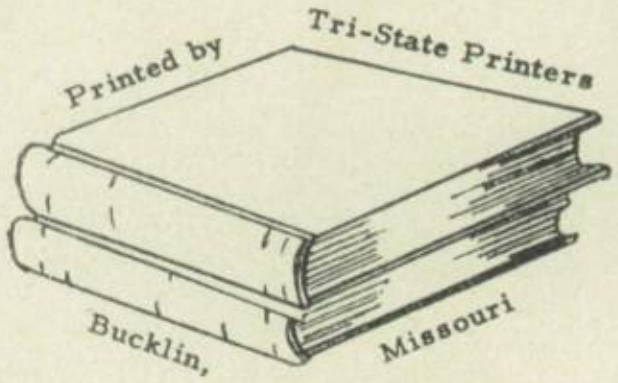
On Duty

Fun

Higher Education

Autographs

Autographs



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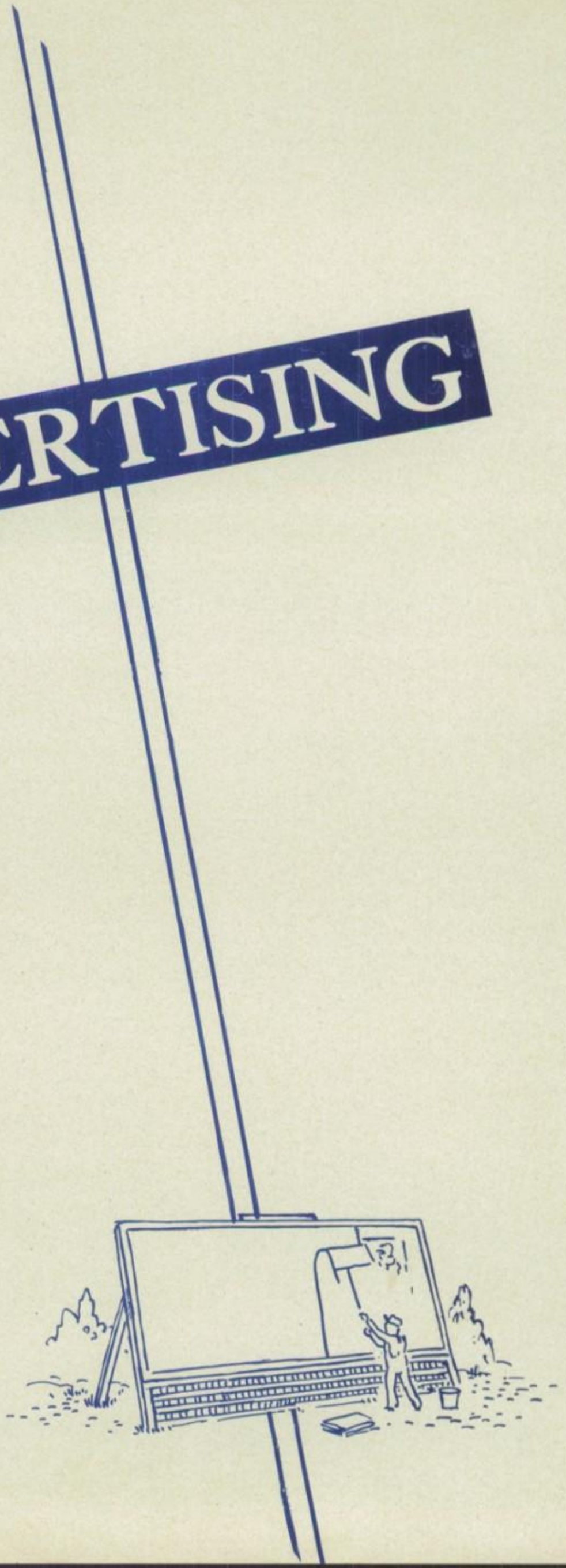

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